

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

Presiding: Mayor Steven Adams

Meeting Via Internet and at City Hall Convened at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer: Mayor Adams

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Davis

Present Online: Mayor Steven Adams; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilors Joy M. Ball, Steve Davis, Connie Fogle, and Catherine Nielsen; City Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson; City Code Enforcement Officer Jonathan Turner; City Building Inspector Quinton Owens; Chairman Dave Thompson of the Planning and Zoning Commission; City Engineer Dick Dyer; Attorney Chase T Hendricks; Forsgren and Associates Manager Kevin Harris; East Idaho Health Department Kaylee Lewis; City IT Tech Spencer Cook; Citizen Barbara Lusk, and others who joined electronically but not identified.

AGENDA AMENDED:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to amend the agenda to add the action item to consider the tentative budget and to set the date for the public hearings for the proposed budget and sewer, garbage, and infraction rates; motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes 7-9-2020 – removed from consent agenda

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda; motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes as amended to correct North Teton to South Teton for the slurry seal; motion carried.

EAST IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH PARK SURVEY RESULTS – Kaylee Lewis: Ms Lewis reviewed the park survey goal with the Council to create age friendly parks in Sugar City. The city earned a \$5,000 grant for its participation in the survey and study. Citizens were asked a series of questions about how they used the parks, what improvements they would like to see, and what they thought was most important for parks to provide. The top five items are listed below:

- Cleanliness
- Trees or shade
- Playground equipment
- Benches
- Location – walk or bike to

The grant money cannot be used for permanent structures. East Idaho Health recommended using

the money for wheelchair accessible tables, moveable shade sails, playground equipment, and benches. They also encouraged ideas from the city. The survey report will be made available to the council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:00 PM – None.

SOUTH FORK VILLA 4 AND 6 PLEX UTILITY CONNECTIONS: No council action was needed.

NEW WATER SYSTEM – Forsgren and Associates Kevin Harris: Mr. Harris reported that he was filling in for Sugar City Project Manager Randy Johnson who could not report due to health issues. He reported that the new water system project was 95% complete with some testing left to do. He also reviewed each eight change orders and why they were necessary. He also reported that they were able to help the city with a \$300,000 grant awarded through the Army Corp of Engineers to pay for those items that were replaced by the change orders. The grant will be used to install radio readers on all water meters, a backup generator, and a variable frequency drive for the well pump. A complete financial report will be scheduled for the second council meeting in August.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Sewer Lines: Mr. Jacobson reported that there are several areas of sewer line that need to be replaced or repaired in the near future. The southernmost sewer line into Rexburg will need to be replaced as soon as possible. He will also meet with Teton to review a maintenance/replacement plan for the pressurized line coming in from Teton which is nearing its life expectancy.

CARES Grant Money: Mr. Jacobson is working with Madison County to submit items that may be covered under the CARES grant awarded to the city.

Street Maintenance Slurry Seal: The project was done well. The city will try to use the same company again and piggyback with Rexburg to save costs.

City Hall Roof Membrane Replacement: The roof is done and has a 5 year warranty.

GIS Training: Mr. Jacobson would like GIS to show the council the capabilities of the software and how it can benefit the city at the next available council meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Dave Thompson reported on the following items:

East Parkway Corridor and Comprehensive Plan: The commission is working on a survey and town hall meetings for the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and East Parkway Corridor. The projects should be done by this fall.

Annexation: No report.

Fiber Optics for City: Mr. Thompson will get some options for the possibility of the city putting in its own fiber optics.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Restructuring City Activity Committees – The mayor would like to restructure some of the activity committees. The item will be placed on the second council agenda in August for discussion.

CALENDARED ITEMS:

First Discussion/Reading: No report

Second Discussion/Reading: No report

Third Discussion/Reading:

Proposed Mayoral Veto Power –the council approved Ordinance No. 358_2020 to amend the City Code to conform to Idaho State Code.

Ordinance No. 358_2020 was introduced to the council and read by title only:

“MAYORAL VETO POWER.”

It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle waive the reading in full and read the ordinance by title only. Thereupon the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Davis, Fogle, and Nielsen

Those voting nay: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to adopt Ordinance No. 358_2020. Thereupon the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Davis, Fogle, and Nielsen

Those voting nay: None

Ordinance No. 358_2020 was thereupon passed by not less than two-thirds of the council. The clerk will publish Ordinance No 358_2020 in summary or full immediately in at least one issue of the *Standard Journal*, a newspaper published in the city of Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho.

ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SET A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE SEWER, GARBAGE, AND INFRACTION RATES: Action Item

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen to approve the tentative budget with the employee insurance and garbage fee break out changes and set a date for the public hearings on August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed budget, and sewer, garbage and infraction rate increases; motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The mayor reported that with the change to the local health district managing the health regulations to the COVID-19 pandemic locally huge improvements have been made. More information can be obtained online at East Idaho Public health.

COUNCIL REPORTS: No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Code Enforcement and the Building Department reports will be updated online for the Council to review anytime.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Councilors Ball and Fogle motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Signed: _____
Steven Adams, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer